

REMARKS

In the present application, in the Reply to Office Action filed on January 6, 2005, claims 8-10, 12-14, 21-55 were pending in the application. Claims 10, 14, 21-50 and 53-55 had been withdrawn from consideration as drawn to *non-elected species*, pursuant to an election of species requirement imposed by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004 and made final in the Office Action mailed October 05, 2004.

In the Notice of Allowance mailed January 27, 2005, claims 8-10, 12, 13, 51 and 52 were indicated as allowed. However, additional claims should have been included, which claims were non-elected species depending from allowed generic claims.

Non-elected species claim 14 depended from allowed generic claim 12, but was not included among the claims allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 27, 2005. Although claim 12 was not specifically stated as being generic, since claim 14 depended from claim 12, claim 12 necessarily was generic to claim 14. Applicants request that claim 14 be reinstated to the application.

Non-elected species claim 39 depended from allowed generic claim 8, but was not included among the claims allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 27, 2005. Applicants request that claim 39 be reinstated to the application.

Non-elected species claim 41 depended from allowed generic claim 12, but was not included among the claims allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 27, 2005. Although claim 12 was not specifically stated as being generic, since claim 41 depended from claim 12, claim 12 necessarily was generic to claim 41. Applicants request that claim 41 be reinstated to the application.

Since all of claims 14, 39 and 41 were drawn to *non-elected species*, and because the base generic claims 8 and 12 were allowed, claims 14, 39 and 41 should be reinstated to the present application and should be issued in a patent together with the generic claims, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.146.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 14, 39 and 41 be reinstated to the application and that a Supplemental Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that these claims have been reinstated and will be issued together with the base claims upon which they depend.

Conclusion

In the event issues remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned to expedite issuance of the patent. Should any additional fees are required for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. YAMAP0347USB.

Respectfully submitted,

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